

IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter rewritten claims 22, 37, 41, 53, 65, 67, and 68. Please cancel claim 23 without prejudice or disclaimer. A list of all claims in application serial number 09/728,170

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1-22 (cancelled)

22. (currently amended) A secure printer system comprising:

(a) an electronic device having a first compartment and a second compartment outside of the first compartment, wherein the first compartment is secure and comprises a door and a door locking mechanism; and

(b) a printer system positioned in the second compartment, wherein the printer system is accessible from the secure first compartment.

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24. (original) The secure printer system of claim 22, wherein the second compartment is an unsecured compartment.

20 25. (original) The secure printer system of claim 22, wherein the secure first compartment and the second compartment are separated by a wall.

26. (original) The secure printer system of claim 25, wherein the secure first compartment further comprises a printer locking mechanism that engages the printer system.

27. (original) The secure printer system of claim 26, wherein the printer locking mechanism comprises a spring biased pin.

28. (original) The secure printer system of claim 22, wherein the printer system comprises a
5 support frame, a chassis engaged with the support frame and a printer assembly removably attached to the chassis.

29. (original) The secure system of claim 28, wherein the printer assembly comprises:

10 (a) a printer for printing on printable media; and
(b) a controller for controlling the printer.

30. (original) The secure system of claim 29 wherein the printer system further comprises a media holder for storing printable media, wherein the media holder is positioned beneath the printer assembly.

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31. (original) The secure system of claim 30, wherein the printable media is fully exposed when the printer assembly is removed from the printer system.

32. (original) The secure system of claim 31, wherein the printer system further comprises
20 glides for slidably engaging the chassis with the support frame in a lateral direction.

33. (original) The secure system of claim 32, wherein the printer assembly comprises a pin for engaging a slot in the chassis.

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34. (original) The secure system of claim 33, wherein the printer system further comprises a locking mechanism for securing the chassis in a closed position on the support frame.

35. (original) The secure printer system of claim 22, wherein the device is a gaming device.

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36. (original) The secure printer system of claim 22, wherein the device is an automatic teller machine.

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37. (currently amended) A secure printer system comprising:

(a) an electronic device having a secure compartment and a printer compartment outside of the secure compartment, wherein the secure compartment comprises a door, a door locking mechanism and a printer locking mechanism; and

(b) a printer system positioned in the printer compartment, wherein the printer system is accessible through the secure compartment, and wherein the printer locking mechanism engages the printer system from the secure compartment.

10 38. (original) The secure printer system of claim 37, wherein the secure compartment and the

printer compartment are separated by a wall.

39. (original) The secure printer system of claim 37, wherein the printer system comprises a support frame, a chassis engaged with the support frame, a printer assembly removably attached 15 to the chassis and a media holder for storing printable media.

40. (original) The secure printer system of claim 39, wherein the printer locking mechanism comprises a spring biased pin that engages the chassis of the printer system.

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41. (currently amended) A gaming device, the gaming device comprising:

(A) a first compartment;

(B) at least one printer positioned substantially in the first compartment, wherein the printer is serviced by at least partially removing the printer from the first compartment, the printer being adapted to print on media and present the media to a player;

(C) a second compartment outside of in close relative proximity to]the first compartment, the second compartment having an opening; and

(D) at least one door attached to the second compartment, the door being adapted to cover the opening when the door is in a closed position, wherein when the door is in a closed position, the door limits removal of the printer.

42. (original) The gaming device of claim 41, further comprising a locking mechanism associated with the printer, the locking mechanism limiting removal of the printer, the locking mechanism adapted to be actuated from within the second compartment, wherein when the door is closed, the door limits access to the locking mechanism, thereby limiting removal of the printer.

43. (original) The gaming device of claim 41, wherein the printer is slidably attached to the first compartment, wherein moving the printer at least partially out of the second compartment provides at least partial access to the printer.

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44. (original) The gaming device of claim 43, further comprising a chassis and a frame, the printer being attached to the chassis, the chassis being slidably attached to the frame, and the frame being attached to the first compartment, wherein moving the chassis at least partially out of the frame provides at least partial access to the printer.

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45. (original) The gaming device of claim 44, further comprising a glide attached to the chassis and the frame, wherein the glide facilitates sliding the chassis at least partially out of the frame.

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10 46. (original) The gaming device of claim 44, wherein the printer is removably attached to the chassis, wherein the printer may be completely removed from the chassis.

15 47. (original) The gaming device of claim 44, further comprising a locking mechanism in contact with the chassis, the locking mechanism limits the chassis from sliding relative to the frame, the locking mechanism being adapted to be actuated from within the second compartment, wherein when the door is closed, the door limits access to the locking mechanism, thereby limiting removal of the printer.

20 48. (original) The gaming device of claim 41, further comprising a media holder in the first compartment positioned to provide media to the printer, the media holder being adapted to store media for use by the printer, wherein when the door is in a closed position, the door limits access to the media holder.

49. (original) The gaming device of claim 48, further comprising at least one chassis and at least one frame, the media holder being attached to the chassis, the chassis being slidably attached to the frame, and the frame being attached to the first compartment, wherein the media holder is accessed by sliding the chassis at least partially out of the frame.

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50. (original) The gaming device of claim 49, wherein the printer is removably attached to the chassis.

10 51. (original) The gaming device of claim 50, wherein the media comprises a strip, the media being fed to the printer along a path, wherein the path is exposed when the printer is removed from the chassis.

15 52. (original) The gaming device of claim 49 further comprising a locking mechanism in contact with the chassis, the locking mechanism limits the chassis from sliding relative to the frame, the locking mechanism being adapted to be actuated from within the second compartment, wherein when the door is closed, the door limits access to the locking mechanism, thereby limiting removal of the printer.

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53. (currently amended) A gaming device, the gaming device comprising:

- (A) a first compartment;
- (B) at least one printer positioned substantially in the first compartment, wherein the printer is serviced by at least partially removing the printer from the first compartment, the printer being adapted to print on media and present the media to a player;
- (C) a second compartment [in close relative proximity to] outside of the first compartment, the second compartment having an opening; and
- (D) at least one door attached to the second compartment, the door being adapted to cover the opening when the door is in a closed position, wherein opening the door provides at least partial access to the printer.

10 54. (original) The gaming device of claim 53, further comprising a locking mechanism

15 associated with the printer, the locking mechanism limiting removal of the printer, the

locking mechanism adapted to be actuated from within the second compartment, wherein

when the door is closed, the door limits access to the locking mechanism, thereby

limiting removal of the printer.

20 55. (original) The gaming device of claim 53, wherein the printer is slidably attached to the

first compartment, wherein moving the printer at least partially out of the second

compartment provides at least partial access to the printer.

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56. (original) The gaming device of claim 55, further comprising a chassis and a frame, the printer being attached to the chassis, the chassis being slidably attached to the frame, and the frame being attached to the first compartment, wherein moving the chassis at least partially out of the frame provides at least partial access to the printer.

57. (original) The gaming device of claim 56, further comprising a glide attached to the chassis and the frame, wherein the glide facilitates sliding the chassis at least partially out of the frame.

10 58. (original) The gaming device of claim 56, wherein the printer is removably attached to the chassis, wherein the printer may be completely removed from the chassis.

59. (original) The gaming device of claim 56, further comprising a locking mechanism in contact with the chassis, the locking mechanism limits the chassis from sliding relative to the frame, the locking mechanism being adapted to be actuated from within the second compartment, wherein when the door is closed, the door limits access to the locking mechanism, thereby limiting removal of the printer.

20 60. (original) The gaming device of claim 53, further comprising a media holder in the first compartment positioned to provide media to the printer, the media holder being adapted to store media for use by the printer, wherein when the door is in a closed position, the door limits access to the media holder.

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61. (original) The gaming device of claim 60, further comprising at least one chassis and at least one frame, the media holder being attached to the chassis, the chassis being slidably attached to the frame, and the frame being attached to the first compartment, wherein the media holder is accessed by sliding the chassis at least partially out of the frame.

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62. (original) The gaming device of claim 61, wherein the printer is removably attached to the chassis.

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63. (original) The gaming device of claim 62, wherein the media comprises a strip, the media being fed to the printer along a path, wherein the path is exposed when the printer is removed from the chassis.

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64. (original) The gaming device of claim 61, further comprising a locking mechanism in contact with the chassis, the locking mechanism limits the chassis from sliding relative to the frame, the locking mechanism being adapted to be actuated from within the second compartment, wherein when the door is closed, the door limits access to the locking mechanism, thereby limiting removal of the printer.

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65. (currently amended) A method of securing a printer in a gaming device comprising:

- (A) providing at least a first compartment;
- (B) providing at least one printer;
- (C) providing at least a second compartment outside of [in close relative proximity to] the first compartment, the second compartment having an opening;
- (D) providing at least one door;
- (E) positioning the printer substantially in the first compartment; and
- (F) covering the opening with the door, wherein access to the printer is limited by the door.

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66. (original) The method of claim 65, further comprising:

- (A) providing a locking mechanism; and
- (B) attaching the locking mechanism to the gaming device, wherein the locking mechanism limits removal of the printer and is actuated in the second compartment.

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67. (currently amended) A method of accessing a printer in a gaming device comprising:

- (A) providing at least a first compartment;
- (B) providing at least one printer substantially in the first compartment;
- (C) providing at least a second compartment [in close relative proximity to] outside of the first compartment, the second compartment having an opening;
- (D) providing at least one door, the door being attached to the second compartment and covering the opening and limiting removal of the printer;
- (E) opening the door; and
- (F) at least partially removing the printer from the first compartment.

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68. (currently amended) The method of claim 67, further comprising:

- (A) providing a locking mechanism, the locking mechanism being adapted to limit removal of the printer; and
- (B) actuating the locking mechanism from [with] within the second compartment.

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69. (original) The method of claim 68, further comprising sliding the printer to at least partially remove the printer.

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